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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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SUBJECT: Discussion with [] Executive Officer,
DD/S&T

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1. The writer was invited to attend a conference in the office of [] at 1100 hours, 12 August 1963. Also in attendance were [], DD/S&T Security Officer, [] OSI Security Officer and [] of the DD/S&T staff. [] opened the meeting by alluding briefly to the problem confronting Dr. Wheelon in establishing the DD/S&T image. He stated that he is interested in getting some idea as to how security approvals are processed within the DD/S&T. He invited the writer to open the discussion.

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2. I commenced my brief talk by inviting his attention to 1954 when rigid holddown procedures were put in effect to protect the old CHAL [] program. I mentioned that the security procedures implemented proved very effective and were applied to follow on reconnaissance programs, "C", "A" and "O". During the discussion I pointed out that we created the [] System to establish standards for these various approvals and subsequently, the [] System has been accepted by the NRO and now applies to several projects in addition to our own. I briefly outlined the procedure whereby a request for "clearance" of an individual in industry is processed. I made it clear that the granting of the security approval rests with the Office of Security; however, the writer acting as agent for the Assistant Director/OSA concurs in the "need-to-know". I also briefly outlined the procedure for the granting of such approvals for government people as well.

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3. [] inquired as to the position of the DD/S&T in this process and again I invited his attention to the early days of the project where Mr. Bissell took a very dynamic role in this area, particularly with regard to denying

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approvals for highly placed government officials and insisting upon a rigid holddown of project information. I suggested, therefore, that in the event the OSA does not agree that a need-to-know exists for a particular individual and if the turn down is not received graciously by the requesting office or if the party involved is a highly placed individual, the matter would be referred to the DD/S&T for final action.

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4. The discussions continued for approximately an hour and a half and were restricted solely to the area of processing of security approvals and other special clearances. [] observed at the conclusion that he will endeavor to codify his thoughts with regard to the matters discussed, but probably would be in touch with interested parties in the immediate future.

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5. At the conclusion of the meeting, [] requested that the writer stay after the other parties departed. Mr. [] informed me that when he gets the opportunity he would like to chat with me at greater length with regard to the manner in which the OSA Security program is being implemented. He asked me as to the number of Security personnel involved, and I provided him with a listing of the Security Staff for his review. He briefly inquired as to my background both with the Office of Security and with the OSA.

6. The above is for the record.

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Chief, Security Staff
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